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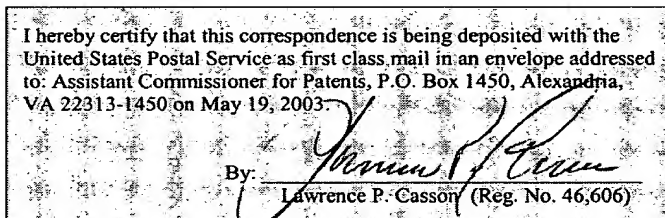
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment. The amendment is accompanied by a request for a three-month extension of time up to and including May 19, 2003.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

C1 70. (Amended) A recombinant expression vector suitable for increasing drug sensitivity in a multiply drug resistant host cell comprising a nucleotide as claimed in Claim 1 and a regulatory sequence operatively linked to the nucleic acid.